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TAGS: EIND, EEC, ETEL

SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON COMPUTER POLICY

REF: STATE 146948

1. WE HAVE DRAWN ON REFTL TO CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE WORKING
LEVEL OFFICIAL OF MINECON (DOES) OUR CONCERN OVER DIRECTION IN
WHICH EC COMPUTER POLICY IS APPARENTLY MOVING.

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2. DOES SAID THAT HE HAD MADE A FEW MINOR COMMENTS ON INITIAL

DRAFT WITHOUT OBJECTING HEAVILY TO ITS TRADE-RESTRICTIVE TONE. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT CONSIDERATION AT POLICY LEVEL WILL AWAIT COMPLETION OF FINAL COMMISSION DRAFT WHICH IS SCHEDULED BEFORE SUMMER HOLIDAY INTERVAL BUT MAY NOT BE READY BY THEN.

3. DOES POINTED OUT THAT DUTCH ARE NOT IN SAME POSITION AS FRENCH, GERMANS OR BRITISH IN THAT GON DOES NOT SUBSIDIZE ITS COMPUTER INDUSTRY (BASICALLY PHILIPS) AND DOES NOT AGGRESSIVELY ENFORCE ITS GOVERNMENT PROCURENT POLICY OF GIVING PREFERENCE TO PHILIPS IF COMPETITIVE IN QUALITY AND PRICE. DOES FELT THAT EFFORTS OF EUROPEAN COMPUTER INDUSTRY IF SUCCESSFUL THAN WOULD ANY POLICY PAPER EMANATING FROM EC.

4. WE LEFT IT THAT WE WOULD ENGAGE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH DOES' POLICY LEVEL SUPERIORS WHEN FINAL COMMISSION DRAFT IS AVAILABLE, PRESUMABLY IN SEPTEMBER. IN MEANTIME WE ARE SOLIC-ITING VIEWS OF US COMPUTER SUPPLIERS AND MAJOR END-USERS ON DRAFT AS IT NOW STANDS AND AS REPORTED IN PRESS.
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